GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT AND PADDY
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of procurement of paddy and wheat made by Food Corporation of India in each State particularly in Uttar Pradesh during 2000-2001;

(b) the number of new procurement centres likely to be set up in the States during the next two years and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon, location-wise; and

(c) the surplus stocks of foodgrains available in various States particularly in Uttar Pradesh at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) State-wise details of procurement of paddy and wheat made by the Food Corporation ofIndia during the year 2000-2001, till 16.4.2001, is as follows:

(In Tonnes)

States/U.T.	Wheat	Paddy
Andhra Pradesh	-	42721
Bihar	-	12141
Haryana	412335	155905
Himachal Pradesh	-	713
Madhya Pradesh	14012	-
Punjab	2812547	2783052
Rajasthan	197098	31335
Uttar Pradesh	12851	-
Chandigarh	-	24373
Total	3448843	3050240

(b) Purchase centres are opened after estimating the expected procurement of food grains, by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the States agencies on the locations mutually decided by the State Governments and the FCI, before the commencement of each marketing season. It is, therefore, not possible to give the details of procurement centres likely to be set up in the States during the next two years and the expenditure incurred thereon.

(c) State-wise surplus stocks of foodgrains can not be specified as the Buffer Norms of foodgrains are maintained for the Central Pool as a whole. The surplus stocks of foodgrains in Central Pool as on 01.04.2001 against the Buffer Norms of the corresponding period are as follows:

(In lakh Tonnes)

Stock	Buffer Norms	Surplus Stock

Rice 231.91 Rice 118.00 Rice 113.91
Wheat 215.04 Wheat 40.00 Wheat 175.04

Total 446.95 Total 158.00 Total 288.95